

Application Serial No.: 10/724,965
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for issuing a supplemental office action addressing all of the pending claims, as discussed in the teleconference of March 18, 2005.

The Examiner stated that Claims 3, 4, 6-11, 14, 19-44 and 46-66 are pending, and claims 19-42 were withdrawn previously. Claims 3, 4, 6-11, 14, 43, 44, and 46-66 were rejected under the doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent 6,685,477 in view of Bouchal U.S. Patent No. 4,637,799. Claims 61, 62, 65 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and claims 59-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. By this amendment, applicant has put the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 59-66 have now been canceled, without prejudice, so that some or all may be the subject of a continuing application. Claims 19-42 have been previously withdrawn due to the Examiner's restriction requirement, and are now canceled, also without prejudice. The Examiner has acknowledged that a terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on non-statutory double patenting. Applicant hereby submits such a terminal disclaimer.

Remaining claims 3, 4, 6-11, 43, 44, and 46-58 should now be allowable.

Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that she agreed, in a June 16, 2004 teleconference, to indicate that she has considered the Information Disclosure Statement by signing the PTO/SB/08A form submitted on December 1, 2003. By signing the IDS, these references will appear on the face of the new patent. See MPEP 609(I.A.2). If necessary, Applicant can resubmit this IDS.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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